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AMENDMENT TO COMMITTEE PRINT

OFFERED BY Mr. Dingell

(Amendment to Medicaid Reconciliation Provisions)

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At the end of chapter 5 of subtitle A, add the following:

1 SEC. [3145]. MINIMUM UPDATE FOR PHYSICIANS' SERVICES
2 FOR 2006 AND 2007.

3 (a) IN GENERAL.—Section 1848(d) of the Social Se-
4 curity Act (42 U.S.C. 1395w-4(d)) is amended by adding
5 at the end the following new paragraphs:

6 “(6) UPDATE FOR 2006.—The update to the
7 single conversion factor established in paragraph
8 (1)(C) for 2006 shall not be less than 2.7 percent.

9 “(7) UPDATE FOR 2007.—

10 “(A) IN GENERAL.—The update to the sin-
11 gle conversion factor established in paragraph
12 (1)(C) for 2007 shall not be less than the prod-
13 uct of—

14 “(i) 1 plus the Secretary’s estimate of
15 the percentage change in the value of the
16 input price index (as provided under sub-
17 paragraph (B)(ii)) for 2007 (divided by
18 100); and

1 “(ii) 1 minus the Secretary’s estimate
2 of the productivity adjustment factor under
3 subparagraph (C) for 2007.

4 “(B) INPUT PRICE INDEX.—

5 “(i) ESTABLISHMENT.—Taking into
6 account the mix of goods and services in-
7 cluded in computing the medicare economic
8 index (referred to in the fourth sentence of
9 section 1842(b)(3)), the Secretary shall es-
10 tablish an index that reflects the weighted-
11 average input prices for physicians’ serv-
12 ices for 2006. Such index shall only ac-
13 count for input prices and not changes in
14 costs that may result from other factors
15 (such as productivity).

16 “(ii) ANNUAL ESTIMATE OF CHANGE
17 IN INDEX.—The Secretary shall estimate,
18 before the beginning of 2007, the change
19 in the value of the input price index under
20 clause (i) from 2006 to 2007.

21 “(C) PRODUCTIVITY ADJUSTMENT FAC-
22 TOR.—The Secretary shall estimate, and cause
23 to be published in the Federal Register not
24 later than November 1, 2006, a productivity ad-
25 justment factor for 2007 that reflects the Sec-

1 retary's estimate of growth in multifactor pro-
2 ductivity in the national economy, taking into
3 account growth in productivity attributable to
4 both labor and nonlabor factors. Such adjust-
5 ment may be based on a multi-year moving av-
6 erage of productivity (based on data published
7 by the Bureau of Labor Statistics).”.

8 (b) CONFORMING AMENDMENT.—Section
9 1848(d)(4)(B) of the Social Security Act (42 U.S.C.
10 1395w-4(d)(4)(B)) is amended, in the matter preceding
11 clause (i), by striking “and paragraph (5)” and inserting
12 “paragraphs (5), (6), and (7)”.

13 (c) PREMIUM TRANSITION RULE.—Notwithstanding
14 any other provision of law—

15 (1) 2006.—

16 (A) PREMIUM.—Nothing in this section
17 shall be construed as modifying the premium
18 previously computed under section 1839 of the
19 Social Security Act for months in 2006.

20 (B) GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION.—In
21 computing the amount of the Government con-
22 tribution under section 1844(a) of the Social
23 Security Act for months in 2006, the Secretary
24 of Health and Human Services shall compute
25 and apply a new actuarially adequate rate per

1 enrollee age 65 and over under section
2 1839(a)(1) of such Act taking into account the
3 provisions of this section.

4 (2) 2007.—

5 (A) PREMIUM.—The monthly premium
6 under section 1839 of the Social Security Act
7 for months in 2007 shall be computed as if this
8 section had not been enacted.

9 (B) GOVERNMENT CONTRIBUTION.—The
10 Government contribution under section 1844(a)
11 of the Social Security Act for months in 2007
12 shall be computed taking into account the pro-
13 visions of this section, including subparagraph
14 (A).